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News Release

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Durham YouthWork Internship Program Now Seeking Applicants

Hourly Rates Range from \$7.25 to \$12; Job Expo Set for March 3 & Applications Now Accepted
Until March 18

DURHAM, N.C. - Durham youth, ages 14-24, who want to explore a career, earn money, and gain valuable work experience can now apply to the 2018 <u>Durham YouthWork Internship Program</u>.

Approximately 150 paid summer internship opportunities are available with the City of Durham Office of Economic and Workforce Development, Public Works Department, Neighborhood Improvement Services Department, Durham Parks and Recreation, and others. Additional partners providing summer employment opportunities include Durham County Government, Durham Public Schools (DPS), Durham Technical Community College, North Carolina Central University, local businesses, and non-profit organizations.

The selected youth will begin work in mid-June with job assignments typically lasting between six and eight weeks with hourly rates ranging from \$7.25 to \$12. Selected youth participants will also take part in a job skills workshop led by DPS and assisted by professionals from local businesses and organizations. Potential applicants may review the position description to determine their eligibility and apply by the March 18 deadline by visiting the City's website and selecting the job listing for *Durham YouthWork Intern*.

Interested youth are also encouraged to attend the 2018 Durham SummerWork Youth Job Expo, which will be held on Saturday, March 3 from 10 a.m. until noon at Holton Career & Resource Center, located at 401 N. Driver St., Durham. The expo, previously scheduled for January 31, is an opportunity for youth to speak directly with employers and provides job readiness information. A drawing for door prizes for youth in attendance will also occur at the end of the job expo.

Durham employers seeking to hire summer staff are also invited to host youth interns for this year's program. For more information about hosting a summer intern and participating in the Job Expo, interested employers should visit the City's website or contact Senior Employment Program Coordinator James Dickens with the City's Office of Economic and Workforce Development at (919) 560-4965 ext. 15217 or email DurhamYouthWork@DurhamNC.gov.

The <u>Durham YouthWork Internship Program</u> is administered by the City's Office of Economic and Workforce Development and is a partnership with Durham County Government, DPS, Durham Technical Community College, and Made in Durham.

About the City of Durham Office of Economic and Workforce Development

Guided by the City's <u>Strategic Plan</u>, the <u>Office of Economic and Workforce Development</u> helps ensure that Durham has a strong and diverse economy by increasing the city's tax base through several revitalization initiatives, including new development efforts in the central city area. The department also

plans and promotes cultural awareness and events, identifies and recruits target industries as well as assesses and trains Durham residents to fill new jobs.

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